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## AF works to demobilize Guard, Reserve

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- The Air Force is working to return the nearly 28,000 mobilized Guard and Reserve airmen to their families and civilian jobs as quickly as possible, according to the service's senior manpower official.

"There are a full range of initiatives that we're undertaking to accomplish the mission without mobilized Air Reserve Component airmen," said Michael L. Dominguez, assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs at the Pentagon.

"Our goal is to return them to their citi-

zen-airmen status and let them go back home to their families and their civilian careers," Dominguez said.

However, the demobilization of these airmen, 10,000 being security forces, is driven by workload, as determined by the combatant commanders in the field.

"The Air Force is a force provider to these combatant commanders," Dominguez explained. "The major challenge facing these commanders in the global war on terrorism is to be able to accurately determine what their future requirements will be."

Besides defining future requirements, the combatant command-

ers need the capabilities the Guard and Reserve can provide, he said.

"There are dozens of expeditionary bases in the theater and a significant number of soldiers and Marines who rely on the airlift capabilities provided by the Guard and Reserve," he said.

In spite of this, Dominguez and other senior leaders are watching the situation closely.

"As soon as our manpower requirements are defined, the Air and Space Expeditionary Force Center at Langley Air Force Base, Va., will decide the best way to source these requirements, and we can bring our

people home," said Dominguez.

Although these Guard and Reserve airmen were called up for a two-year mobilization, Dominguez said he believes the Air Force should rely on them only as long as absolutely necessary.

"The Air Force couldn't have done what it has over the past two years without these airmen, but we must remember that we share them with their families, employers and communities," he said. "We have to get them back home as soon as the mission permits."

Dominguez dismissed the rumor that

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**They are not forgotten**

## Air Force unveils new utility uniform plan

Air Force officials announced Aug. 6 plans for the wear test of a new utility uniform to possibly replace the current battle dress uniform.

The blue, gray and green tiger-stripe camouflage ensemble is a departure from the current woodland pattern uniform and includes many new features that are intended to increase functionality and provide a distinctive look for airmen of the 21st century, officials said.

The test will generate feedback about fit, durability and functionality.

According to officials, the wash-and-wear uniform will be

easier to maintain and will not require professional laundering or starching. The new version comes in

men's and women's cuts.

A final decision on the uniform is expected in December

2004. If approved, production could begin as soon as 2005, with a phase-in date to be determined.

*Right, Second Lt. Arcelia Miller, from the Air Force's Special Security Office, wears the Air Force test utility uniform while manning an entry control point at Andrews AFB, Md. Below, Tech. Sgt. Thomas Stone (left) and Capt. Rachel Sullivan, both with the 89th Maintenance Group at Andrews, give the optional Henley-style T-shirt a try.*



Photos by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi



# Stay on top of money matters, keep up good work

As the kids head back to school from a relaxing, fruitful summer, I thought it wise to discuss an



By Col. James Stewart  
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important topic with you -- money!

Back to school clothing, school supplies, and tuitions have all increased since last year. You might be asking yourself, "How am I going to pay for these costly expenses? I have the rent or a mortgage to pay along with the car payment, etc., and I just don't know how I'm going to pay for it all."

A word of advice....here is one way how NOT to handle this crisis. DO NOT pull out your government credit card and use it for those school clothes or supplies.

Remember, the government credit card is ONLY used for travel related

expenses while on orders. Save yourself from even more stress by using your government credit card properly!

Commanders will take appropriate disciplinary action if you do not. Let's make your back to school experience a joyful one for both you and the kids.

While we're on the subject of money, let me also mention that 22 AF has provided the 908th with additional special tour funding to help us make it through the end of the fiscal year.

All Groups and the ASTS Commander have received additional funding through the Financial Management Board (FMB) process. These additional

dollars will help us meet our mission taskings and support responsibilities for the remainder of the year. Your individual squadron commanders have been told to use these dollars wisely! I'm sure all of you will help them as we meet the challenges ahead.

Finally, I'd just like to take a moment to say how proud I am of each and every one of you! You've pulled together as a team to meet the challenges we've faced during the year. From the possibility of a large mobilization to the preparation for our upcoming UCI, each of you has contributed. Keep up the OUTSTANDING work you've been doing!



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# Let's lift each other up and encourage each other

When I was a kid, back at Stone Age High, we would start school shortly after Labor Day. Everyone did. There was no guessing when this



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bob Anders  
908th Airlift Wing senior chaplain

school started or when that one got under way. Everyone started at the same time. We all had lessons to learn and homework to get done. Everybody was on the same schedule. The goal was to last until Christmas break, then until the first week in June. Then we were out for the summer.

Why all these comments about school ... pictured to the right of this article is a two star general, Chaplain Potter, giving congratulation to Staff Sgt. Danny Powell for being the "Top Graduate" in his class. This wing is full of smart people, and he is one of them.

Let's use all those smarts that we have to do a good job on things around the wing. Let's also use those smarts to take good care of each other. Let's talk to each other. Let's lift each other up and encourage each other. Let's pray for each other. We are facing several more months of intense activity prior to our inspection. These months are going to require that we listen to each other and help each other and be patient with each other.

I will be keeping you in



Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Lorraine Potter and Staff Sgt. Danny Powell

my thoughts and prayers as we press on together in this endeavor.

Your fellow struggler,  
Chaplain Bob

# Officials urge reservists to update emergency data

All wing Reservists should update their emergency data through the Virtual Record of Emergency Data. This information is essential for Air Force casualty notification teams in case an airman becomes incapacitated or killed.

Reservists can go to the vMPF from any Internet connected computer. Go to [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil), select the "vMPF" logo at the top of the page and follow the instructions.

You should be able to do the whole process in about 20 minutes or less. If the member has not previously enrolled in the vMPF, they will need their SSAN, MAJCOM, Pay Date and Date of Rank to establish their vMPF account.

vRED is an automated "smart" program that guides the

member through the process of completing his/her emergency contact information and tailors the questions asked to the member's specific family situation.

Completion of the vRED is mandatory for all Air Force members. The most current figures available indicate that although the rate continues to rise, nearly one fourth of all Air Force Reserve Command members still haven't met this requirement. Local and command officials are encouraging members to accomplish this task immediately.

For more information about the vMPF or vRED call the Air Force Contact Center toll-free at 1 (866) 229-7074.



# New year brings new fitness test with new twists

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- Beginning next year, Air Force officials will implement a new fitness test completely different than what airmen today are familiar with.

The more functional test will include a 1.5-mile timed run, a muscular-fitness test of push-ups and crunches, and a body composition test. It is designed to measure the general health of airmen, said Maj. Lisa Schmidt, chief of health promotions operations at the Air Force surgeon general's office.

"The goal is to have a healthy, fit force that can deploy at any time," Schmidt said. "Our goal is to prevent the onset of diseases such as heart attacks, stroke, high-blood pressure and high cholesterol. Basically, it is about keeping members healthy so they will perform optimally, in-garrison and deployed. Healthy members are more heat-, stress-

and fatigue-tolerant, and less prone to illness and injury."

To measure airmen's overall fitness, Schmidt's office and a panel of health and fitness experts developed a three-component measurement system that looks at aerobic fitness, body composition and muscular fitness, she said.

An airman's performance in each of the three component areas will earn points. They can earn a maximum of 50

points on the aerobic portion of the test, 30 points on the body composition portion and 20 on the muscular fitness portion.

The total number of points earned on the fitness test will put the airman into one of four categories: 90 or greater is excellent, 75 to 89.9 is good, 70 to 74.9 is marginal, and less than 70 is poor, Schmidt said.

People scoring marginal on the test will attend a two-hour healthy-living workshop that fo-

cuses on lifestyle behavior, time management and fitness education, Schmidt said.

Intervention for people scoring in the poor category involves the healthy-living workshop, an individualized exercise program and a weight-loss program for those who exceed body fat standards. It also involves mandatory exercise five days a week, she said.

The test for body composition is still being finalized, but it will measure how much body fat a person has, Schmidt said.

Tests for other components of the fitness standard have already been determined. A 1.5-mile run will determine aerobic fitness. Airmen who are not medically cleared to run will take the cycle-ergometry test. Muscular fitness will be determined by both push-ups and crunches, which will be similar to those done in conjunction with the cycle-ergometry test.

## Local policy aids fitness pursuit

908AW air reserve technicians and non-ART civilians are now authorized a maximum of three hours per week for physical fitness activities while in an official duty status.

Participation is voluntary and must be annotated on the employee's time card. Employees can't participate until they provide their supervisor with a doctor's statement and initial all items on the approval request/memorandum of understanding form. For complete details, consult 908AW/CC Letter, 19 Aug 2003, Authorized Time For Physical Fitness Activities and AFRC/CV Letter, 23 Jul 2003, Physical Fitness Program Policy.

# MXS commander praises troops, looks for ways to improve

Maj. Cauley von Hoffman assumed command of the 908th Maintenance Squadron Aug. 9.

She joins the 908th in her first Reserve position after leaving active duty. Her most recent position was with the Air Force Logistics Management Agency at Gunter, in the Maintenance and Munitions Division. The division completes long-term studies for the Headquarters Air Force Installations and Logistics directorate on maintenance issues such as where parts should be pre-positioned and maintenance policies across the service.

von Hoffman and her husband, Michael, were both active duty for nearly 10 years. Then about three years ago he joined the Air National Guard over at Dannelly Field.

With the Guard he said he found a better focus on the mission and a better balance of family and career. From the moment he started flying F-16s for the Guard she said he told her, "You don't know what you are missing! You need to get out and join the Reserve." For a couple years she responded by saying "I'm not ready." However, she said the day she joined the Reserve she thought to herself, "I should have done this three years ago!"

She wants the members of the maintenance squadron to know she's fully aware of their accomplishments, "particularly this year when they were prepared to be called up, knowing it could happen any day," von Hoffman said.

The new squadron commander added that she'd "look for ways to improve things, to do the job better, so we'll be better prepared in the future. My immediate focus will be preparing for the upcoming Unit Compliance Inspection. My long-term focus though of course will always be deployment readiness."

Right, Maj. Cauley von Hoffman, 908MXS commander



Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb

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the service is planning to transfer capabilities out of the Reserve components and into the active-duty force.

"We find ourselves in a war against terrorism that may last decades," he said. "Our Guard and Reserve airmen will continue to be full and valued members of the total force throughout the conflict and into the future."

Air Force officials rely on the participation of the Guard and Reserve as volunteers in virtually every aspect of daily operations, he said. They want them flying airlift, aerial refueling, combat air patrols, and running intelligence and space operations.

"The challenge isn't moving forces from the Guard or Reserve (onto) active duty; it's really finding better ways to support ARC airmen volunteering for duty," he said. "We want to encourage and reward them for volunteering by finding policies and developing practices to enable them to do so."

Dominguez said he sees full participation in the future but without involuntary mobilization of forces.

"We need to develop a way for our citizen airmen to be total-force participants without having to rely on the Cold War involuntary-mobilization tool," he explained.

Although mobilizing the nation's entire armed forces to wage a final battle against the Soviets made sense during the Cold War, it is out of line with today's realities, he said.

"That's not the fight we're in anymore," Dominguez said. "We're in a fight where we may need someone tomorrow and then not need them for another three weeks. ... This can't be done with involuntary mobilization. We need to develop a way to allow the Guard and Reserve airmen to participate when needed and then return to their citizen-airmen status just as quickly."

These changes will not devalue Guard and Reserve airmen and the capabilities they bring to the fight; they will be just the opposite, he said.

"The Air Force recognizes the value, knowledge, expertise and skill embedded in our ARC airmen and how important they are to winning the global war on terrorism and meeting our 21st-century requirements," he said.



# In the company of legends

*Trip to Tuskegee Airmen national convention leaves normally unflappable NCO starstruck*

By Jeff Melvin  
908AW Public Affairs

The tables were turned on Tech. Sgt. Drusilla “Dru” Amos – no she didn’t lose a powerlifting competition that would be more like the world turning upside down for AFRC’s reigning Female Athlete of the Year and multiple world record holder. No, for a change she came away from an event impressed by the people she met; usually she’s the talk of the events she attends.

Amos, 908AW Command Chief Master Sgt. Amos Moore, Master Sgt. Deborah Webb, and 908AW Vice Commander Col. C. W. Fox, who also chairs the wing’s Human Resources Development Council, attended the Tuskegee Airmen Inc. National Convention in Denver last month as representatives of the wing.

HRDC and TAI aren’t strangers. TAI receives support from the Air Force highest echelon’s. In a letter endorsing support of TAI Secretary of the Air Force James Roche wrote, “the Air Force recognizes the training and outreach po-

tential of the convention and supports the display of military recruitment and other beneficial exhibits at the convention. We also applaud the major contributions to our national defense made by the Tuskegee Airmen.

“On August 8-9, 2003, TAI will host a military forum focused on military officer, enlisted and civilian issues (i.e., professional development, advancement, mentoring). I encourage unit commanders to fund members’ participation in this worthwhile event.”

Air Force Reserve Command held its quarterly HRDC meeting in conjunction the TAI national convention.

The council advises and makes recommendations to the AFRC commander on matters pertaining to human resources within the command. Its areas of interest include, but are not limited to, work force diversity, career development, assignments and promotion opportunities.

The council’s overall goal is to create and maintain a fully diversified work force in which all military members and civilian employees have the training and opportunity to maximize their potential and career opportunities.

As a part of the Outreach and Marketing Working Group’s initiative chaired by Brig. Gen.



Above, Tech. Sgt. Dru Amos poses for a photo with (left) Brig. Gen. Leon A. Johnson, mobilization assistant to AETC director of operations, chairman of the AFRC HRDC, chairman of the DoD Military Affairs Committee to the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., and national second vice president of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.; (center) Lt. Gen. Daniel James III, director, Air National Guard; and Maj. Gen. Richard Spooner, director, Command, Control, Communications, and Computer Systems Division (J-6) at the National Guard Bureau Below, Amos with Tuskegee Airmen pilots retired Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson and James Hayes



James Graves (mobilization assistant to the Air University commander) and assisted by Colonel Fox (“Director of Sales” for the O&M Group), command HRDC members along with unit representatives and individual mobilization augmentees (IMA) collectively participated in convention events. As representatives for the Air Force, the attendees were encouraged to interact with the public as well as assist the Air Force Reserve recruiters in talking to potential reserve recruits.

Amos is used to repre-

senting the Air Force but on those occasions she’s usually hoisting weights and besting the competition in powerlifting meets. This time she was in service dress and there was no competition just admiration.

“I appreciated the fact that I was given a chance to meet legends. This experience has inspired me to become a member of my local chapter and help teach others about the Tuskegee Airmen. This trip opened up a new chapter in my life and career that I will cherish for

years to come. My escort, retired Army Capt. Ira O’Neal, and his wife treated me like they had known me for years. A lasting friendship developed in just a few short days,” said Amos describing her encounters with historic figures.

For more information on the Tuskegee Airmen, go to <http://tuskegeearmen.org/>. For more info about the AFRC HRDC go to its revamped web site at <https://www.mil.afrc.af.mil/special/hrdc/default.htm>. (Note: Accessible from .MIL sites only.)



# Versatile Security Forces veteran adds firefighting to his expanding list of skills

By Jeff Melvin  
908AW Public Affairs

In 12 years as a member of the 908th Security Forces Squadron, Tech. Sgt. James Harrell has put out a lot of figurative fires so much so that he's earned the title "Special Projects Manager." Last month, he had to grab a fire extinguisher and put out a real one, possibly averting a tragedy.

Harrell, on temporary duty with the host base 42nd Security Forces Squadron, responded to a radio call July 25 reporting a car fire near Maxwell-Gunter Annex's Dalraida Street Gate.

Arriving on scene, Harrell and his patrol partner, flight armorer and patrolman Senior Airman Eva Roberts, discovered a riding lawnmower engulfed in flames directly behind a large 20-passenger van. The van was on fire, too. More troubling was location of the van — near the School Age Center.

"I blocked traffic with my vehicle, popped the trunk to obtain the fire extinguisher and dispatched Senior Airman Roberts to alert the School Age Center and to obtain the keys

to the van so we could move it away from the fire. I then proceeded to the fire and focused my attack on the van for fear of the

vehicle exploding and spreading to the building," said Harrell, describing his impromptu fire fighting.

Forced by intense heat to approach the fire from another angle, his progress was hindered when the fire extinguisher

malfunctioned due to low pressure. Fortunately, he was able to put out the fire on the rear of the van.

His patrol partner obtained the keys to the van and moved the vehicle away from the fire. Her response was so quick, Harrell said, when the fire fighters arrived about two minutes later, they "had to flag her down."

Once on scene, the Gunter firefighters quickly extinguished the fire. A federal inmate operating the riding mower was treated on-scene for burns and Harrell, who was showered with debris when one of the mower's tires exploded, was treated also.

Harrell said he recalled when the tire exploded but didn't let it slow him down.

"I didn't know I had gotten burned until a bystander pointed it out to me five minutes later. I was mostly concerned about the kids at the School Age Center."

Similarly, he downplayed his actions as just doing what was necessary and praised the efforts of his patrol partner.

This dependability is what makes Harrell and fellow 908der Master Sgt. Ronald Holland's temporary assignment to the 42nd so rewarding, said 42nd SFS security manager, Chief Master Sgt. Rickey Romanini. "They help out a lot with leadership," Romanini said.



*Right, Tech. Sgt. James Harrell points to the residue of sludge and scorched earth -- the only visible evidence of the July 25 lawnmower fire near the School Age Center at Maxwell AFB Gunter Annex.*

Photo by Jeff Melvin



# New service-commitment policy takes effect this fall

Starting Oct. 1, Air Force Reserve Command will implement a comprehensive, service-commitment directive for certain kinds of training, education and promotions.

"The Reserve Service Commitment Policy accomplishes two goals," said Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, commander of AFRC. "First, the RSC ensures a fair and equitable return to the Air Force Reserve and the American taxpayers. Second, it communicates to our members the period of obligated service they must complete before becoming eligible to separate, transfer or retire from the Selected Reserve."

The policy affects reservists in the Selected Reserve, the Individual Ready Reserve's Health Professions Scholarship Program and the IRR's Financial Assistance Program. The RSC includes unit program reservists, individual mobilization augmentees and members of the Active Guard and Reserve.

Air Force reservists in the rank of colonel and below incur a service obligation if they attend formal training or education for 20 weeks or longer, receive a promotion in the top three enlisted grades or enlist in the service for the first time.

"In the past, a member under certain circumstances could attend initial training, complete a formal school, return to their Air Force Reserve assignment and request reassignment to inactive status without completely fulfilling their commitment," said Lt. Col. Paul W. Kirby, chief of the Personnel Programs and Training Division in the Office of the Air Force Reserve, Washington, D.C.

"Everyone wins when a member acquires new skills through training and education, but the Air Force Reserve loses if members leave prematurely.

"Take pilot training, for example. Most people do

not realize the significant investment of time and money involved for a pilot to reach full operational competence. It takes approximately two to three years of training time and costs up to \$6 million. That's a significant invest-

ment," Kirby said. "If we allow that person to simply leave without incurring a service commitment, the country loses its investment of both financial resources and time."

The Air Force Reserve has had policies that at-

tempted to address service commitments and training in certain career fields, such as pilots and health care professionals, but these policies often lacked the "teeth" needed to enforce them, said Kirby.

"This policy standardizes, streamlines and provides the means to enforce the various commitment policies by providing a single-source document that clearly communicates the required commitments to the members," Kirby said. "We worked hard to create a system that treats people fairly, and I believe our reservists are people of honesty and integrity who will live up to their commitments."

Commenting on the new commitment policy, 908th Military Personnel Flight commander Maj. Troy Vonada, said, "We view the new Reserve Service Commitment (RSC) program as a double-edged sword. From a command perspective, it is a very positive change, as the program will help maintain a well-trained force longer periods of time which has a stabilizing effect. This, of course, also helps with retention figures and end strength management.

"From the 'man-on-the-streets' viewpoint, however, this is a culture change. For most of our current reservists' careers, they haven't had to deal with such a stern commitment. Now, under the RSC program, members may be recalled to active duty if they don't fulfill their obligation. So, what AFRC has done is to sink some teeth into the program. Previously, there was little recourse when members failed to complete their service obligation, however, that has changed with advent of RSC." (AFRC News Service)

## List of service obligations

**ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga.** – Reservists and those planning to join the Air Force Reserve will incur a service obligation for certain kinds of training, education and promotions starting Oct. 1.

The following are the events affected by Air Force Reserve Command's Reserve Service Commitment Policy and the corresponding lengths of service required:

- ◆ Undergraduate pilot training – 10 years.

- ◆ Undergraduate navigator training – six years.

- ◆ Air battle manager undergraduate training – six years.

- ◆ Non-prior service enlistment – six years or term of enlistment.

- ◆ In-residence doctoral medical/dental education or technical training for 20 weeks or longer – five years concurrent with other service commitments.

- ◆ Line, chaplain and judge advocate officer commissioning from the Academy of Military Science, McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tenn., and Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, Ala. – four years.

- ◆ Military Physician Assistant Training – four years.

- ◆ In-residence advanced flying training – three years.

- ◆ This includes initial qualification and requalification training for test pilot school students, navigators and enlisted flight engineers on fixed or rotary-wing aircraft. The applicable advanced flying training courses will be listed on the Air Education and Training Command Web site. AETC pilot instructor training pilots who transfer without a break in flying to another AETC non-military weapons system aircraft, after completing initial training, do not incur an additional commitment.

- ◆ In-residence Air Force weapons instructor course – three years for all Air Force specialty codes.

- ◆ In-residence education or technical school training for 20 weeks or more – three years.

- ◆ In-residence non-doctoral medical/dental education or technical training for 20 weeks or longer – three years concurrent with other service commitments.

- ◆ Officer in-residence professional military education at intermediate or senior service school – three years.

- ◆ Direct accession of health profession officer – three years minimum term of service.

- ◆ Promotions to E-7, E-8 and E-9 – two years or date of high year of tenure, whichever is

less. Commissioned officer promotions are not affected per the Reserve Officer Personnel Management Act.

- ◆ Officer tuition assistance – two years per Air Force Instruction 36-2306, Education Services Program.

- ◆ In-residence instructor qualification courses – two years.

- ◆ Enlisted in-residence professional military education – two years.

- ◆ Ready Reserve Health Professions Stipend Program – a minimum two-year service obligation at a rate of two years for each year of assistance.

- ◆ Graduate medical/dental education and deferred/re-deferred residency training through the Health Professions Scholarship Program and Financial Assistance Program – one year for every year of training with a minimum service obligation of two years.

- ◆ Squadron Officer School, and Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala. – one year.

Two or more Reserve Service Commitments will be served concurrently, not consecutively. When two or more RSC events overlap, the event with the lengthiest obligation will take precedence. (AFRC News Service)

September Unit Training Assembly Schedule

Start	End	Event	Location/OPR
<b>Friday, Sept. 5, 2003</b>			
1630	1900	Commanders' Staff Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conference Room
<b>Saturday, Sept. 6, 2003</b>			
<b>0730</b>	<b>0800</b>	<b>Sign In</b>	<b>Orderly Room</b>
0730	0800	Newcomers' Flight Reception	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
0800	0850	Newcomers' Intro/Orientation	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
0800	1100	Lab Work/DNA/HIV/Blood Testing	Bldg. 760/Lab
0820	1500	Physicals	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	1130	Shots (Yellow Fever, 1030-1130)	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	0900	Pregnancy Profiles/Weight Waivers/ Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
0830	1030	Anthrax Briefings (30 min.)	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	1230	NBC Defense Training	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
0830	TBD	Units at Range M-16 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
0830	1130	M-41 Mask Fit	Bldg. 1055/Rm 1
0930	1030	Unit Education & Training Managers' Mtg	Bldg. 903/DPMT
0930	1000	TDY/PCS Out-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 111, DPMSA
1000	1100	Unit Deployment Managers' Mtg	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1030	1130	First Sergeants' Meeting	Golf Course Snack Bar
1200	1600	Gas Mask/A1 Bag Issue	Bldg. 848/West Side
1200	TBD	Units at Range M-9 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
1230	TBD	Units at Range M-16 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
1230	1530	CDC Testing (SNCOA Course 5&12 CD Rom Only)	Bldg. 903/DPMT
1300	1400	Human Resources Development Council	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1300	1500	Newcomers' MPF In-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 109/
1330	1730	NBC Defense Training	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
1330	1400	Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
1400	1500	Supervisors' Safety Training Mtg	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1700	TBD	Sign Out	Orderly Room
<b>Sunday, Sept. 7, 2003</b>			
<b>0630</b>	<b>0700</b>	<b>Sign in</b>	<b>SOC, Bldg. 1403, Polifka Auditorium</b>
<b>0700</b>	<b>0800</b>	<b>Wing Commander's Call</b>	<b>SOC, Bldg. 1403, Polifka Auditorium</b>
0800	1100	Gas Mask/A1 Bag Issue	Bldg. 848/West Side
0830	1230	NBC Defense Training	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
0830	TBD	Units at Range M-9 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
0830	1130	Hazardous Cargo Training	TBD
0830	1130	Pallet Build-up/Joint Inspection	25APS (Various locations)
0830	0900	Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
0900	0930	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 846/Classroom 2/25 APS
0900	1000	Self-Inspection Monitors Mtg	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room
0930	1015	EPR Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room
1000	1030	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 848/Classroom/COM Flight
1015	1100	Participation Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room
1100	1200	Operational Risk Management	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1100	1130	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 1056/Rm. 101/DPMT
1130	1230	SORTS/Commander Meeting	Bldg. 1055/Cmd Post
1130	1230	Chiefs' Group Meeting	Bldg. 1461
1200	1500	Gas Mask/A1 Bag Issue	Bldg. 848/West Side
1230	TBD	Units at Range M-16 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
1230	TBD	M-240/M-249 Mechanical Training	Bldg. 1210/SFS
1230	1530	CDC Testing	Bldg. 903/DPMT Classroom
1300	1400	Honor Guard Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Cmd. Chief's Office
1330	1400	Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
1330	1430	UTA Bulletin Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
1430	1500	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 1055/Classroom 1/CES
1600	TBD	Sign-out	Orderly Room

Support functions' schedule

Activity	Dates & hours of operation		Location/Ext.
Newcomers' Training Flight		Sun, 0630-1600	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101
MPF Customer Service	Sat, 0800-1200	Sun, 0900-1100	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
		Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
ID Cards	M-F, 0630-1600	Sun, 0700-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
	Sat, 0800-1200		
	1500-1700		
Reserve Pay	M-F, 0700-1100; 1200-1600	Sat, 0800-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-6722
Medical Records	Sat, 0800-1500	Sun, 0800-1500	Bldg. 711/3-5714
Individual Equipment	Sat, 0800-1530		Bldg. 1154/3-6020
Clothing Sales	Sat, 0900-1500		Bldg. 851/3-7505
Restricted Area Badges	M-F, 0630-1600	Sun, 1000-1500	Bldg. 84/3-4283
Vehicle Registration	M- F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1000-1500	Bldg. 84/3-4283
Geneva Convention Cards	M-F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1000-1500	Bldg. 84/3-4283
Dining Hall	Sat, 0600-0930	Sun, 0600-0930	Bldg. 668/3-5127
	1100-1300	1100-1300	
	1600-1830	1600-1830	
Lodging office/reservations (lodging problems, contact 908th rep via lodging front desk)			Bldg. 1573/3-2401
Photo lab	M-F, 0730-1630	Sun, 1300-1500	Bldg. 926/3-7981

September UTA Lodging

- To access the Lodging Reservation System, please follow these instructions:
- \* Make reservations, cancellations or changes at least 24 hours prior to arrival.
  - \* Call Maxwell at 1-800-673-9356
  - \* Input your unit's authorization code
  - \* Dial the system at 3-8557 or 3-8558
  - \* The system will ask for your SSAN, which you will input with the telephone keypad
  - \* The system will ask for your personal ID number, followed by the "#" sign. (PIN is available through your First Sergeant or Services 3-7332)
  - \* The system will ask if you would like to make, change, or cancel a reservation.
  - \* To make a reservation, input arrival date and then departure date.
  - \* You will be asked if the reservation is ADT, IDT, or both (ADT: Annual Tour, Mandays, Special Tour) (IDT: UTA, AFTP, RMP, Make-up UTA)
  - \* If this is a scheduled UTA weekend, the system will tell you where you will be staying
  - \* If you cancel or change a reservation, you will be prompted for a phone number.
  - \* **The confirmation number you receive is for 908th Services use only.**

Note: You can also call the system direct DSN or Commercial. The numbers are: DSN 493-8557/8558 or COMM: (334) 953-8557/8558.

**If you have a question please contact Master Sgt. Byron Godwin at:**  
Commercial: (334) 953-7332  
DSN: 493-7332  
E-mail: byron.godwin@maxwell.af.mil  
Emergency cell: (334) 657-1304

**Notice!** Checkout time at Maxwell Lodging for the September UTA is 0800 Sunday. If you do not have time to go to the front desk, and do not have a phone charge, there will be a key drop box located in Bldg. 157 (Main Lodging) for your convenience. Please do not use this box if you have any charges on your bill. In accordance with AFI 34-246 **smoking is not permitted in lodging rooms.** You may be charged a minimum of \$50 for cleaning for violating this AFI.

**Airlift will be lodged at the Hampton Inn, Prattville.**

Aurora, Ill./Huntsville, Ala. Airlift Schedule

**UTA pick-up schedule Friday:**  
Depart Maxwell at 1530 local  
Arrive Aurora at 1800 local  
Depart Aurora at 1830 local  
Arrive Huntsville at 2030 local  
Depart Huntsville at 2100 local  
Maxwell at 2145 local

**UTA return schedule Sunday:**  
**Bus departs Bldg. 1056 at 1530**  
Depart Maxwell at 1600 local  
Arrive Huntsville at 1645 local  
Depart Huntsville at 1700 local  
Arrive Aurora at 1900 local  
Depart Aurora at 1915 local  
Arrive Maxwell at 2115 local

*Unit Training Assembly Dates*  
**Oct. 4-5; Nov. 1-2; Dec. 6-7; Jan. 10-11; Feb. 7-8; March 6-7; April 3-4; May 1-2; June 5-6; July 10-11; Aug. 7-8; Sept. 11-12**



# Take Note



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## MSG leader

Right, Lt. Col. William "Bill" Forshey, speaks to well-wishers following his assumption of command for the 908th Mission Support Group. Prior to assuming his new duties, Forshey served most recently as the wing Inspector General. He is a longtime 908th member, currently serving as the finance officer in a civilian capacity as well as having served previously as the Security Forces commander and the Civil Engineering Squadron's operations superintendent.

## Joyous return

Left, Senior Airman Andrea Steele meets her niece for the first time when she and seven other Services Flight members returned from Minhad Air Base, United Arab Emirates July 26. Services members departed in mid-March in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, providing billeting, food service and other essential support to personnel serving at deployed locations. Since the events of Sept. 11, 2001, nearly 90 908th AW members have been activated at various stages and served at stateside and overseas locations.



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## Good neighbor

Above, the 908th assists its Maxwell AFB hosts by providing an aircraft for an aircrew extraction exercise conducted by the base fire department July 25.

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